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ACTION REQUIRED: Information on the DCG

1. A New China News Agency dispatch from Peking dated 3 February 1958 announced the arrival of Wolfgang SCHENKE (DOB: 6 April 1914, Arnstadt, Thuringia) in Peking in his capacity as Chairman of the DCG. Simultaneously an intercepted letter from SCHENKE in Peking to (Dr) Emil HOFFMANN (DOB: 10 October 1911, Unlinghausen, Westphalia, Germany) in West Berlin was received in which SCHENKE spoke briefly of his visit to Peking and his accomplishment in gaining particulars of the 1958 Plan. Additionally, and the reason for the letter, SCHENKE encouraged HOFFMANN and other members of the DCG to attend the Leipzig Spring Fair and to give a reception for the Chinese delegation. Copies of the letter were sent to DCG members Hermann SCHWANN (C) Claus RICHMERS, Eduard SOLICH (Kurt PAUMANN) Erwin van HAZEBOECK (C) and Dr. Kurt HALLER (C) and Inna BLUME and HEITMANN of Hamburg.

2. SCHENKE, of course, is a well-known journalist and big promoter of Chinese relations with West Germany. SCHWANN is a member of the Bundestag and a relatively recent visit to China. The others are well-known East-West traders interested in promoting trade with China. With this dispatch we are not requesting traces on any of these individuals. We are only requesting available information on the DCG--its structure, organization, purpose and the names of its principal leaders because the DCG would appear to be a distinct step forward, albeit unofficial, in the organization of relations between China and West Germany and as such the DCG may become a principal means through which the Chinese effect their activities in West Germany. Since SCHENKE is Chairman of the DCG and a Hamburg resident where he publishes his Neue POLITIK, we assume the DCG to be seated in Hamburg and possibly registered there as a legal organization.

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